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Take time to plan

Thinking Money

Elizabeth O'Connor

As we sit on the brink of a shiny New Year, I am sure thoughts of resolutions are running rampant through everyone's mind. Starting a gym membership, a healthier diet and tightening the purse strings are usually at the top of the list.

While these are all good things, I would suggest you add completing a financial plan or revisiting the one you already have to that list. These plans play a crucial role in one's financial journey, just like a road map directs you so too does your financial plan. Ideally, you want to build a successful and manageable budget, eliminate debt, build an emergency fund, manage risk and save for the future, all while obtaining your personal financial goals along the way.

Even if you have not reached the point where an actual financial plan is warranted it is always a good idea for everyone to look at their monthly budget, bank books, credit card statements and financial goals for the year ahead. The goal could be a vacation, a new car or even starting that emergency fund. Start with a coffee and a table to work at, grab a pen and paper or a computer and spreadsheet – begin. It can be as primitive as a column of money that comes in (paycheque, rental income, pensions, etc) and a column for money that goes out (rent or mortgage payment, food, car payment, insurance, debt repayment, savings, etc.). It can be more in depth, there are plenty of online sites and forms that can assist with this.

Seeing what you have coming in and what you have going out can sometimes be a big eye opener, just in itself! How can you achieve your goal with what is in front of you? Once you are able to see what is left over or perhaps what the shortfall might be then it is time to make some decisions. Is there adjustments that can be made to trim the "outgoing" column or an opportunity to beef up the "incoming" side?

If you are at the point where a financial plan is needed you will still need to look at your spending and savings. The No. 1 question asked during the financial planning process is "can I retire?" and the response to that is what does your retirement look like? What does the month after you retire look like? I asked a client this once and he said "I want to learn how to play guitar" – great! What does that look like? I had envisioned him spending six months out of the year in Barcelona, Spain, learning how to play the guitar, he said no, there is a music shop down the street from my house – I want to spend three days a week taking lessons there! That will cost far less than what I had in mind.

The hardest question to ask and answer is, if you or your spouse were to suddenly pass away, what does the month after that event look like? Is there adequate savings, is insurance needed to manage the risk, are your wills and powers of attorney in place and updated? This is not meant to scare but rather start the discussion.

Whether you are a student, a young family just starting out, a mature couple on the verge of retirement or you are already enjoying your leisure years, a financial plan can only help you. It is worth taking the time and the results may surprise you!

Happy New Year, love, laughter, good health and goodwill to all.

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New winter festival a celebration of ice

By Angelica Ingram

The Hardwater Festival coming to Haliburton at the end of January will be a marriage of fun and ice activities for all ages.

Taking place on Jan. 28 in West Guilford, the event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with many offerings costing little or nothing at all.

An initiative of the municipality of Dysart, the festival is being presented by the Explore our Lakes project, said co-ordinator Barrie Martin.

Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the committee wanted to ensure it focused on the use of the lakes year round.

"Our initial thought was to offer ice fishing and an ice safety course, but the more we discussed our ideas, the more we realized hosting an ice festival was the way to proceed," said Mueller in an email to the Echo.

The West Guilford location is ideal because it has the community centre, local lakes, outdoor skating and Medeba, where ice climbing will be offered.

"It gets it out of town," said Martin.

The Explore our Lakes initiative began last year with some summer events and the municipality wanted to continue the momentum with some winter-based programming.

"One of the learning objectives is to foster safe use of the lakes," said Martin.

The day-long event will include some ice awareness presentations, as well as a full-day working and playing on ice safety training course.

The course is being facilitated by the Wilderness Training Institute and will include a classroom portion as well as outdoor ice rescue techniques and more.

In addition to the safety component of the day, there will be ice skating outdoors, ice climbing (must be 14 or older), ice fishing demonstrations, indoor movies, ice crafts for kids, broomball and more. A hot lunch will be provided for a nominal cost.

During the day an ice sculpture will be created by a Canadian renowned sculpture artist. The hope is to display the final product at the Haliburton Frost Festival in February.

Martin is hoping the festival will also include some information about ice ecology and a ice hut/fishing demonstration.

A new initiative to be introduced at the festival is something called snow tagging, which has been done in provincial parks, said Martin.

The activity, which includes drones and making art in the snow, will take place at Abbey Gardens.

"What you do is snowshoe out the art," said Martin. "Then you have a drone that will take pictures." More info will be available at the event.

The co-ordinator is hoping the festival draws a couple hundred people.

Mueller is hoping it becomes an annual event.

"There are so many activities taking place that are both fun and educational. Barrie Martin and Kate Hall have really embraced the theme of the festival and have something for everyone to try," she said. "There are quite a few events happening around the county on Saturday, Jan. 28 and I believe that the Hardwater Festival will complement these events."

Anyone interested in the ice safety training course must sign up ahead of Jan. 28. It is being offered for a special rate of $125 plus HST.

In order to help organizers prepare for the event, preregister by visiting www.dysartetal.ca/hardwaterfestival or calling Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 ext. 35.

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Ten ways to live through a man-cold

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

You probably can't sense this, but right now I am suffering greatly from a man-cold, which is the worst kind of cold there is. Not to make a big deal of it or anything, but I have the sniffles, mild congestion and, on occasion, I sneeze involuntarily.

Yet, as a man, with a horrible ailment, I must get through this for the sake of my family, community and the world at large.

Here are 10 ways I highly recommend:

1. Gain inspiration from motivational cat calendars.
2. Create a support network of all friends who are too cheap to pay for call display.
3. Tell myself that the survival rate is high.
4. Don't make a big deal of it by documenting it on Twitter at @sgalea6953.
5. Do all my whimpering around the dogs and blame them.
6. Avoid calling paramedics: tough it through the sniffles.
7. Consume lots of chicken noodle soup alongside Mom's special ingredient (rum).
8. Think of poignant last words to be remembered by.
9. Try not to give in to self-pity even though this is the worst thing ever.
10. Re-watch Trump press conference to remind myself things could always be worse.

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Vignettes from life: The old shop

By Peter Walford-Davis

The old shop rubbed decrepit shoulders with a delicatessen on one side, and a dry cleaning establishment on the other. It had sat there, propped up by its neighbours longer than anyone could remember. The silver parking meters, like one-legged soldiers, had long since replaced the old hitching posts that once lined the then-dirt road. The smell of horses and leather had been displaced by the odour of gasoline fumes.

Faintly, amidst the cracked, peeling red paint, one could still pick out the name "Samuel J. Dean, Variety" embellished with flowers and curlicues. Samuel had long since gone to his reward, and now his great grandchildren, bowed and wrinkled with age carried on the business. The little old man and his wife appeared to be almost as old as the store they tended.

Outside, the late afternoon sky, on that cold December's day had been threatening snow since morning, began dropping large fluffy flakes. Pigeons, clustered together for warmth in a nearby church belfry, while sparrows chirruped disconsolately as they searched for food beneath the back window of the little shop.

Business had been so-so, most people seemed to prefer the shiny new shopping malls where they could wander at will, and never get wet. Somewhere they could always be warm. And where everything was so convenient. They didn't seem to mind bucking traffic to get to the outskirts of town to find what they wanted. Even so, great grandson Frank and his wife Ella still managed to enjoy a fair living from the old shop.

If you looked hard enough, you'd discover merchandise that you couldn't find anywhere else in town. Frank still carried coal oil lamps, chimneys, and wicks. He had some of those laundry aids, you rubbed your clothes up and down on when washing. (Washboards, I guess.) Ladies' hairnets, with the advertising card picturing the face of a woman sporting a 1920s hairdo. Door latches and key-hole covers, the latter ornately cut and shaped. Wooden jigsaw puzzles, wind-up toys, a few of them cast iron. Dolls that didn't do anything but just look pretty in their delicately hand-sewn dresses and dusty boxes. A nutcracker, carved in the shape of a bear, looked down from a high shelf, its mouth open as if in disbelief that such a conglomeration of odds and ends should still exist.

Near the front of the shop, by the till, boxes of candies lined a low shelf, just about the right height for little children to peer into as they pondered that difficult question "what to get?" With pennies, or if they were lucky enough, a whole quarter burning a hole in their pocket.

Frank and Ella enjoyed the children – and it was uncanny how the children would always manage, in spite of the malls, to bring the parents along. Once inside the shop, the adults would wander off, and inevitably find something they could use. As Frank would often comment, "well Luv, guess there'll be jam with our bread and butter this week!"

The children loved Frank and Ella. And trusted them. "Please, what can I get for four pennies?" Looking barely old enough to cross the road, her nose just clearing the counter top, two bright blue eyes gazed up at him. Frank treated each purchase as a most important act, regardless how small it might be.

"Let me see now," his wrinkled old face breaking into a smile. "Some of these, or those, or one of this kind." Carefully, he pointed out what could be purchased for the princely sum of four pennies. Humbugs, jelly babies, jaw breakers, nougat, taffy, candy cigarettes, mints, licorice sticks – even licorice pipes! What to choose? After serious consideration she carefully made her selection. "Could you put the candies in two bags please?" "Two bags?" Frank echoed, "Why two bags?" "Well," she replied, "My little brother couldn't come with me because he has been very sick. "Oh I see," said Frank as he counted out the sweets into two bags. With a sly wink at his wife, he reached for two large lollipops and dropped them into the bags. The little girl's eyes grew bigger, and smile crossed her face. "Why, thank you!" she said as she gathered up her newly purchased treasures. And left the shop.

"I'll put the kettle on," smiled Ella, "and we'll have a cup of tea." "You know," mused Frank later, his large hands cradling the hot tea cup. "Little children can certainly show the grown ups a thing or two about behavior. Look how they trust us to give them fair value for their money, and show us the quality of love through sharing, no matter how little they have."

"Talking about sharing," said his wife – "I'd almost forgotten the birds. I'd better go and feed them. She made her way to the back of the shop where they lived. He could hear her calling the birds, as she tossed out birdseed, and bread crumbs. Pigeons, and sparrows, and the occasional starling – ordinary birds? Yes, but how empty life would be without them.

Frank continued with his musing, "almost 50 years of marriage we've shared. Aye, good years too. Four cents' worth of candies shared by a little child with her brother, and a few bread crumbs shared with the birds. All gifts from the Creator. What was that quotation? "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give you." A gift of love!

A gift of love is something that knows no season. Be it winter or summer, autumn or spring, it is always in season, and this weary old world of ours can use a great deal of it. The bell called his attention to the front of the shop as a draft of cold wind swept through the open door, followed by the stomping of boots, and a voice calling, "Ella! Frank!" "Two more cups Ella! We have company." Frank made his way to the front of the shop, his old bones protesting, but he ignored them. After all, what is more precious than welcome friends?

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Senior's Spotlight

A life filled with song

By Chad Ingram

Local music mogul Bill Gliddon conducts his weekly Sunday night classical program The Concert Hall from Canoe FM studios in Haliburton Village.

The building that houses Canoe FM was the original Haliburton hospital.

"The room where I broadcast from, the broadcast studio, apparently was the birthing room at the old Haliburton hospital and that's where I was born," says Gliddon. "And my first program was on Mother's Day."

Gliddon was born in that building more than 77 years ago, in August of 1939.

"It was one month before Hitler invaded Poland and World War Two started and my mother said, 'Well, now you're here, and the world's gone all to pieces,'" says Gliddon, displaying the quick wit and easy charm that endears him to so many in the community. "So, I hope I didn't start World War Two."

Gliddon is as "old Haliburton" as they come, the descendent of local pioneering families.

His mother, Gladys, was a Fearrey. Gliddon is the cousin of perennial Haliburton County political fixture Murray Fearrey. Gladys's relatives were Brohms.

The Gliddons immigrated to Canada from England in the 1870s, settling along what is now the Harburn Road.

"And they, believe it or not, thought they could farm, like everybody else did, in rock piles," Gliddon says, seated in the living room of his Cedar Avenue home. The home belonged to his parents, and was his grandfather's before that.

When the railway was extended to Haliburton County, most of the Gliddon clan took off for better farming in Saskatchewan.

"They all left except my grandad, who stayed to help his mom and dad," Gliddon explains.

Gliddon's father, Oswald, was an only child and his birth would leave Gliddon's paternal grandmother, whom he never knew, wheelchair-bound until her death.

"She had come out one day to give the guys lunch," Gliddon says. "They were out threshing in the field and her long skirt got caught in the threshing machine and she was pregnant with dad at the time. She'd already lost a little baby and the doctor said, 'If you go through with this pregnancy, you'll never walk again.' And she didn't. She was in a wheelchair and died early."

His grandfather operated the Cedar Avenue home as a boarding house for a period, the house eventually becoming Gliddon's parents'.

"We were poor," Gliddon says, recalling his childhood. "We were really among the poorest people in Haliburton."

Oswald drove trucks, first for the department of highways, and later for the township, a job that, in 2017, actually pays pretty well.

"Mother had not finished school," Gliddon says, explaining Gladys had attended the one-room schoolhouse near Gould's Crossing up until about Grade 4. After that, she'd stayed home to help look after her 11 siblings.

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>
> — Bill Gliddon

"That really bothered her that she didn't have an education and I'm really sorry she didn't because she would have been terrific," Gliddon says. "She could have been a great artist."

Art and music came naturally to Gladys, who was self-taught on a number of instruments.

"She could play the music by ear," Gliddon says. "She could chord on the piano, she could play the guitar, the violin, the mouth organ . . . without any instruction."

It seems certain he inherited his musical aptitude from his mother.

"My dear dad, he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket," Gliddon says, adding that didn't stop Oswald from singing Frosty the Snowman with his son each Christmas.

Gliddon started playing music young.

"My grandmother apparently said to my mother when I was just a baby, 'Look at his hands, his fingers, he's got to play the piano,'" he says.

Gliddon started on a pump organ the family had in the home, that was later replaced by a piano.

"My mother said to me, 'You've got to get lessons,'" he says. "The only teacher here at the time was the organist at the United Church. My music book was the United Church hymn book."

At just 12 years old, Gliddon became the assistant organist at the church.

"I just had this love of music," he says. "I just knew in my heart, music was going to be a big, big part of my life."

His musical capabilities even helped Gliddon out of math class.

"When I went to high school and had a great deal of trouble with mathematics, I had read that if you took your Grade 7 piano and Grade 2 theory at the Royal Conservatory in Toronto, it could count as either a language or a math in your high school Grade 11," he says. "I needed that."

So, Gliddon set out to get his Grade 7 piano accreditation.

"My teacher couldn't do it, she said, 'I just can't,'" he says. "So I looked for another teacher and I found a lovely lady who came up from Minden one day a week."

Gliddon would earn first class honours in Grade 7 piano on his first try and continued to study music through the Royal Conservatory.

"The rest of it, I did on my own," he says. "I bought the books myself and went to Lindsay for the exams and got by Grade 10 before I went to university."

Born and raised in Haliburton, Bill Gliddon became the assistant organist at the Haliburton United Church when he was just 12. After graduating from the University of Toronto specializing in musical composition, Gliddon taught music at the schools of Haliburton County for 35 years.

After working at Black's Hardware in Haliburton for a year and half to save up some money, Gliddon set off for Toronto at age 18. He studied music at the University of Toronto, with a specialization in composition.

"It was huge," Gliddon says of the city. "I had not been, really, too much out of Haliburton."

While he was offered a job in East York, upon graduation from U of T, Gliddon returned home, "penniless and started teaching piano lessons for 50 cents an hour," he says.

He was then approached by a member of the school board since Ralph Hussey, the local music teacher, who'd also taught Gliddon, had suffered a heart attack and was out of commission.

It was August and with September quickly approaching, the school board wanted Gliddon to fill in for Hussey.

"I didn't go into that branch of music, I cannot teach, I have no teaching certificate, I don't have any material, I'm terrified to get in front of a class of kids unprepared, it can't happen," Gliddon says.

The school board member told him that if he was unable, it looked like the children in Haliburton, Eagle Lake and West Guilford wouldn't have music lessons at school that year.

"I did it," Gliddon says. "I can remember staying up all night to make copies of songs for them."

When Hussey eventually returned, Gliddon went back to teaching piano lessons. However, he also started going to summer school to get his teaching certificate and would eventually be hired as Hussey's replacement.

In the late 1960s, Gliddon started the

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Career in music a dream come true

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music program at the secondary school.

"They had no music program," he says. The glee club Gliddon started at the high school made a record – some 100 students were involved, he points out – and would put on a stage production each year. They did 13 in all, mostly Gilbert and Sullivan productions, some of which, such as HMS Pinafore, have recently been performed by the Highlands Little Theatre.

When a full instrumental program began at the high school, Gliddon moved back to elementary system, splitting his time between schools in Haliburton, Minden, Dorset, Gooderham, Wilberforce and Cardiff.

"I saw thousands of students between kindergarten and Grade 8 and I've got such good memories," he said.

Gliddon would retire in the mid 1990s after a 35-year career, his last day in the Victoria Street School classroom where he attended his first day of Grade 1.

It was around this same time that Gliddon, an only child, had been caring for his ailing parents in the family home. Gladys was the latter to pass at age 92, Gliddon keeping a promise to his mother that she would not go to an old-age home.

Throughout the years, Gliddon did find a little bit of time to compose works of his own.

"I've written a series of pieces inspired by Haliburton and that came about because of the Haliburton centennial," Gliddon says, adding he created centennial choir for the occasion that not only performed throughout the area, but also in Toronto. "We even sang at Ontario Place. We had our day there, we sang in the forum. It was a great experience."

Gliddon also composed a piece for Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope.

"I suppose my other big composition was my requiem for Terry Fox, which I started right after he died in 1981," he explains. "I contacted his mom and . . . and I still have their letters of encouragement."

The piece was performed locally and raised a couple of thousand dollars for cancer research.

"Right now, I'd like to revise that piece, if I had time," Gliddon says. It's the way he feels about most of the music he's written.

"Every time I write something, when it's finished, I look at it and say no, I'll have to revise that," he says. "But there's a thing called time. I never have the time."

Gliddon is the organist at St. George's Anglican Church, a position he's held since 1962, when he returned to Haliburton from Toronto.

While the Gliddons had been members of the United Church, it had a number of people who could play the organ.

With longtime St. George's organist Dorothy Clarke stepping aside, the Anglican church was going to be without an organist and Gliddon's parents encouraged him to take the post.

"They said to me, 'Go where you're needed,' and I said, 'If I can help, we're all different churches, but we're all serving the same Lord.'"

Clarke had been the organist at St. George's for 45 years and this year, Gliddon celebrates his 55th anniversary in the role.

"So, between the two us, it makes a century," he says.

Over the years, Gliddon has provided music for literally all of the churches in Haliburton. In addition to preparing and hosting his weekly radio show, he's involved in many of the community's concerts and stage productions. In the summertime, he tends a large vegetable garden on this property, giving the produce away.

"There's, I guess, three things in my life that I love so much, and they've motivated me and inspired me," Gliddon says. "My Christian faith is the big thing and my love of music and my love of this community, this community where I was born and grew up and loved. I just thought, if the Lord has afforded me to live here and bring happiness and joy through music, that's my dream come true."

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Snowmobile races coming to Minden

By Chad Ingram

Vintage snowmobile racing is coming to Minden later this month.

The Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers (OSOR) will host two days of activities at the ice track at the fairgrounds on Saturday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 22.

OSOR is a new organization and the Minden event will mark its first major event.

"A lot of people don't know it' happening," says founding executive member Rick Greenfield of the snowmobile racing phenomenon, which was once more common than it is today. "Racing was huge back in the '70s. Every place that had a winter carnival had snowmobile races."

From Schomberg, Ont., Greenfield and a group of like-minded enthusiasts have a frozen, oval track in Eganville.

"We all race," Greenfield says. "We've raced for years."

The hobby has taken some members of the group to the Vintage World Championship Derby, which takes place in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

The snowmobiles are all vintage, the newest models dating to about 1992.

"They're a cool-looking sled," Greenfield says of the older machines.

He said the group became interested in Minden when it heard about the ice oval the Minden Kin Club maintains at the fairgrounds for the auto ice racing events it hosts each winter.

The snowmobile races take place the weekend before this season's auto races are scheduled to start.

Greenfield says there will be 22 races with a total of $4,000 in prize money up for grabs and expects there to be at least 50 racers.

Entry fees are $20 per class, with the youngest class for racers aged 12 to 17.

Admission for event is $10, with children under 10 admitted for free.

Action is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21

For more information or to register, visit www.osor.ca.

The group also has a Facebook page.

Members of the Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers will bring their vintage sleds to the Minden fairgrounds for racing on Jan. 21 and 22. /Photo submitted

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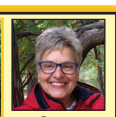

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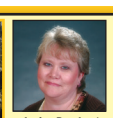

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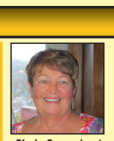

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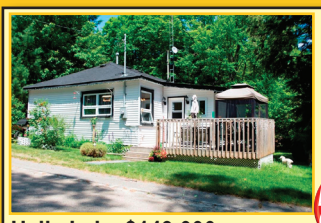

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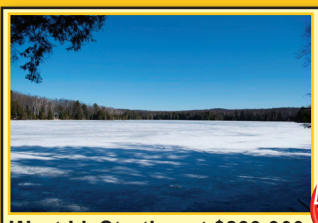

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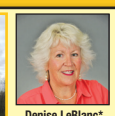

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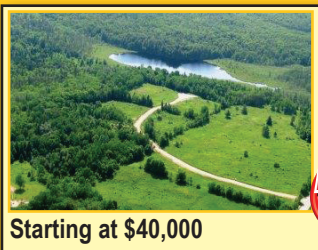

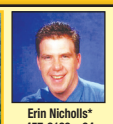

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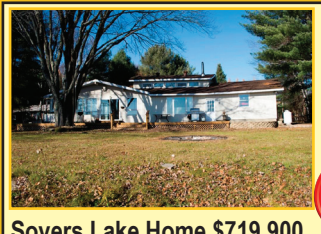

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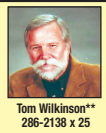

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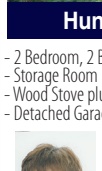

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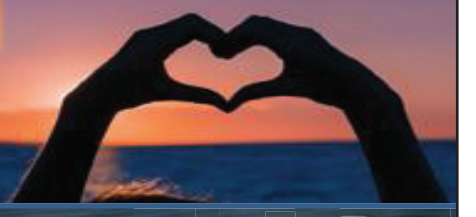

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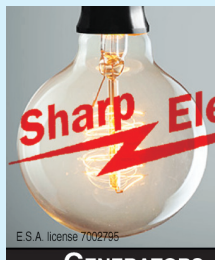

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Rotary tennis courts popular spot in village

The most popular spot in town these days seems to be the new tennis courts at the Rotary Beach.

Practically every day from morning until dark the tennis courts are crowded with young and old who are really participating in this ever popular growing sport.

There are so many players trying to get on the courts that at times it's very hard to get on for a game.

We are really pleased to see so many young people taking up the game and tennis players from all parts of the county are coming here to play on the courts.

The game of tennis is so popular that we noticed that the players are even playing in the rain.

The Rotary Club of Haliburon is to be congratulated for having the foresight to erect this wonderful project.

The members of the Minden Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are shown in this group photo in front of one of the new OPP Helicopters which is a new facility which will be at their service whenever needed. Police Week has been designated from May 11 to May 17. This is your invitation to visit the Minden OPP Detachment during Police Week.

Back Row standing: Prov. Consts. Wood, Clendenning, Maher, Magee, Potter, Connelly, Solway, Pearson, Devereaux, Buchanan, Bibby. Front Row seated: Const. Telford, Legge, Judy Francis, Cpl. Baker, Sgt. Dube, Cpl. Edwards, Pat Taylor, Don Walker, Const. Popp. Absent from photo: Cpl. Stevens, Consts: Brown, Hickey, Jarvis, Ladurantaye, Martin.

Editorial

Government land buying should stop

It seems that every year the rumour is circulating that the provincial government is going to take over Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

As we understand it the government now owns more than 80 percent of the land in the Province of Ontario. We are told that well over (300,000) three hundred thousand acres of this land is in Haliburton County. This does not include the Townships of Bruton and Clyde which have been taken into the vast area of Algonquin Park. This we think prompts the question "Does the government need anymore land?"

If the government continues to take over our lands where do we stand in the future as far as future development is concerned?

Where Haliburton Forest and Wildlife is concerned it is a mystery as to why the government would want to take over a private enterprise that is being operated so well. As we are all aware of how government operates, it would be a shame to spoil something that is servicing so many people so well.

The operating of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife serves the camper, the fisherman, the hiker, the bird watcher, the canoeist, the hunter, and especially the cross country skier, the snowshoer and the snowmobiler. People come from all parts of Canada and the U.S.A. to enjoy the facilities that are offered at this privately operated reserve. We also understand that they have a well planned harvest of timber so that the land will never be stripped of forest. This same group has had a great deal to do with the orderly fashion in which the Kennisis Lake area has been developed.

Again we say, where do we in Dysart look to future development if large tracts of land such as this are taken over by government.

In our opinion it is time the government started to spend some money on developing the properties that they now own. Let us with private enterprise develop our land to the best advantage and to serve the people as we see fit.

If government continues to take over our land it can do nothing but force the price of what is left out of range of the very people it hopes to serve. We feel that our own elected representaties are capable and best qualified to look after our interests and that of our city friends who enjoy our county so much.

For Paraplegic Bus

Hyland Crest residents launch fund drive

For some time now the residents of Hyland Crest Home have been thinking about a Paraplegic Bus, that is a bus with a hydraulic lift so that those confined to wheelchairs could be lifted into the bus.

Their concern is not just for themselves but for all handicapped persons in Haliburton County such as those in the Sheltered Workshop and the Nursing Home.

Last year a program was started to take a hot meal to those who were not able perhaps, to cook a balanced meal. It soon became vident that these senior citizens looked forward to a visit as well as the meal. However the program had to be discontinued because of the lack of volunteer drivers.

With the paraplegic bus these people could be picked up and brought into Hyland Crest and thus start a "Day Centre" where they could look forward to at least one day a week of companionship and activities along with a good balanced hot meal.

We understand that the Rotarians from several districts are building a centre for treatment of Crippled Children in Peterborough. To get the handicapped children from Haliburton County to Peterborough they are going to need transportation of some kind. Why not the Paraplegic Bus?

Upon the proof that the bus will be put to good use the Ministry of Comunity and Social Services of Ontairo will share in both the purchase cost and the operation cost of such a project.

The residents of Hyland Crest have opened a Paraplegic Bus Fund account with the deposit of $452.75. These senior citizens are determined to see this bus become a reality and are asking your help too. They are planning a Grandmothers Tea on May 10 at Hyland Crest Home, Minden from 2 to 4 p.m. This tea and a plant sale is strictly their project, please come and they will be happy to serve you tea and refreshments for only 50c.

It is hoped that all service clubs and other interested people will support this much needed transportation for the handicapped and the senior citizens who make up 43 percent of the population of Haliburton County. If you wish to make a contribution or wish more information please contact Lily Rawlins at Hyland Crest Home, Minden, phone 286-2140.

Lily Rawlins,
on behalf of the Residents of Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home.

In Haliburton

Parking meters fail to solve problem

A few years ago the council of the Municipality of Dysart et al decided to put in parking meters in Haliburton in an effort to get the local merchants and employees to park elsewhere and let the visitors and potential customers use these parking areas.

This change made a difference, but as we understand it not enough.

It would appear that the local merchants and their employees are still parking all day on the main street and are willing to pay the parking tickets, when their meter time runs out. In other words nothing has been accomplished.

The council which considers this parking situation as just a case of common sense is asking the merchants and their employees to please park their vehicles in other parking areas around town so that the customers can get parking space on the main street when they want to do their shopping.

We have all been offenders at one time or another and if we expect people to come to Haliburton to shop we must furnish them with central parking.

Wolf in backyard

When someone cries wolf and you look out and see one close to your back door it's time to take action.

On Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Mr and Mrs George Holland, who live near the Essonville Road, looked out and saw two wolves out by their barn very close to the cattle.

Mr Holland rushed around to get his gun, but by the time he got to the barn the wolves had taken off for greener pastures.

It would appear that these wolves are getting very bold.

UPCOMING

Community Events

PARISH
HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Haliburton County Historical Society
When: Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Museum
Speaker: Kim Emmerson
Topic: Canada 150 and Dysart 150 - Movie with Music and Sound, confirmed

Robbie Burns Night
When: Saturday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy all things Scottish at the Haliburton Legion for the annual Robbie Burns Night. There will be bagpipes, Scottish dancing, Highland dancing, Scotch tasting, food (including, but not limited to haggis). $15 per person at the door

The Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton, Presents Todd Nolan in the Clubroom
When: Saturday January 28, 2017
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Time: 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm
Enjoy a meat for $6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary

Homemade Stew Concert
When: January 28, 7:30 pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
A celebration of very talented local musicians playing rock, folk, country, and jazz. Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Tickets at Halco/The Source, Haliburton; Organic Times, Minden; on line at www.haliburtonfolk.com
Contact: info@haliburtonfolk.com 705 - 754-3655

Abbey Gardens Winter Workshop
When: Saturday January 28, 11:00am-3:30pm
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton
Enjoy a guided snowshoe and learn to make wood-fired pizza (and eat it too) from 11am-1:30pm. In the afternoon, choose from a selection of workshops such as brewing beer, bread making, coffee tasting and more! Join us for a portion or the entire day!
Contact: Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca 705 754 4769. www.abbeygardens.ca

Family Literacy Day Story Time and Craft
When: January 28, 11:00am
Where: Haliburton County Public Library – Dysart Branch
Celebrate Family Literacy Day with us with a story followed by a craft! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: info@haliburtonlibrary.ca or 705-457-2241

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic
When: Monday, January 30th,
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

Winter Tracks & Signs
When: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Where: Nature's Place, Minden (Bobcaygeon Rd, just behind the library)
Please register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Dress for the weather.
Cost : Admission by donation.
Leader: Wildlife Biologist Irene Heaven, Education Coordinator of Abbey Gardens.

Razzamataz Kids Shows
When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Saraka by Ballet Creole, ON

Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, $15.00 per adult, $10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) $30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Recurring Events

The VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility.
When: Minden , Wednesday at 11 am
Where: Hyland Crest auditorium,
When: Haliburton, Thursday at 1 pm
Where: EchoHills.
Please contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 for more information.

Morning Glories
When: Tuesday and Friday 8:30am
Where: Upstairs in the Haliburton Arena
Contact: Jane Jaycock 705-754-9996 or jjaycock@hotmail.com
Exercises for cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility

Afterschool program at Archie Stouffer School
Haven is program for students in grades 5 to 8
A Youth Unlimited and Monarch Bible Camp Partnership
Thursdays - 3:30 to 5:30 in the Music Room
Games, Snacks, Bible learning, Crafts and monthly outreach at Highland Crest
Contact: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625
Registration forms available in school office

Youth Program
Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 pm.
EVERYONE WELCOME! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth. Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.
Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group,
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Toastmaster Minden
When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 12 noon to 1:00 pm (winter meetings times)
Where: OPP conference room, 12598 Hwy. 35 (across from Tim Hortons)
The fee has been reduced
Anyone, who is 18 to 80 years of age can attend.
First three meetings are FREE

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios:
Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-7782 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi
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Wednesday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
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Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 am
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Thursday: 10 am - noon
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Monday: 10:00 am - noon

Thursday: 10:00 am - noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.
Cost is $2.00
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-7:30pm.
Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3.00
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Jan Simon PRO January 20th– January 26th

Friday	Pool 1:30pm Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm Jam Session 7:30pm
Saturday	Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp
Monday	Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome
Wednesday	Fun Darts 7:30pm
Thursday	Youth League 6:30-8:30pm

Upcoming Events
Saturday, January 28th, Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby. $15/person – one fish entry
Weigh in 3-6pm at the branch – participants must be present to collect prizes.
It's Official – Wing nights will be the 2nd and 4th Friday's each month plus 5th night when applicable
Come out and enjoy delicious wings and great music with friends

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot **$1000 Jackpot** - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Darts Friday fun darts - 4:30pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Events:
Live entertainment featuring **Todd Nolan Saturday January 28th 4-7pm** in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. $5 cover charge for non-members

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com.** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541
Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.
Upcoming Events:
Please listen to local radio regarding our special Saturday events.

Branch 441 Kinmount
PRO Raquel Linton 705-488-3191

Mondays:	Seniors cards, pot luck lunch 1230 followed by Bid Euchre Family Fun Bingo 630pm Children & Adult fun and All welcome!
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Fridays:	Bingo 6:45 all welcome $300 Must Go Jackpot
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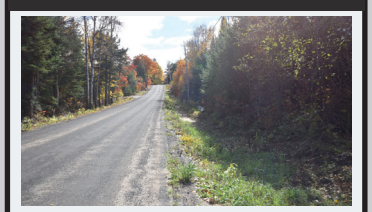

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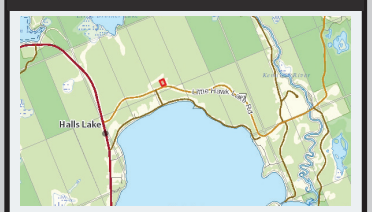
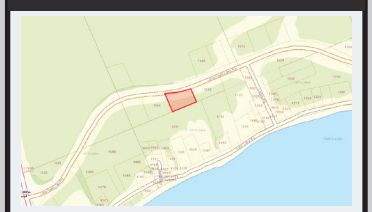
LOT NEAR HALLS LAKE



1.67 ac lot. Level, fully treed. Yr rnd rd, roughed in driveway. Walk to the public access on Halls Lake, & not far from a Park. Tube down the river for summer fun--the entry point is nearby.

$24,000

LITTLE HAWK LK ROAD



Nicely treed building lot situated on a year round road. Walk to the public access for swimming on Halls Lake. Great location for a year round home.

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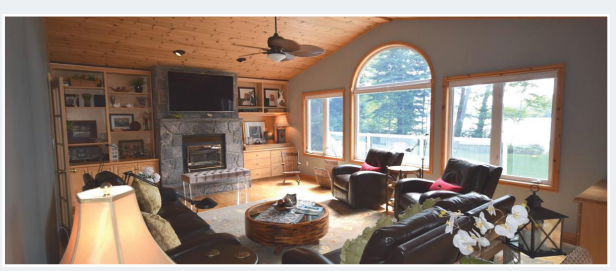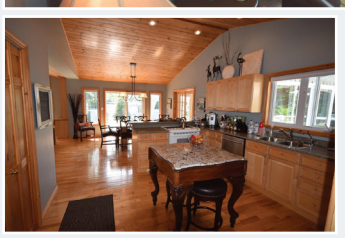
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